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SUBJECT: LUNT-LEBRON EXCHANGE; MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR ALLARD

REF: (A) STATE 175396; (B) BRUSSELS 6762

1. DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS VANDEN BLOOCK RAISED WITH US TODAY MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR ALLARD (REF A), WHICH HE SAID HAD BEEN PROMPTLY FORWARDED. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE HAD STUDIED MESSAGE CAREFULLY AND WAS MOVED TO ASK US FOR GUIDANCE.

2. HE SAID MESSAGE COULD BE READ TO INDICATE THAT USG WOULD PREFER THAT BELGIAN GOVERNMENT FOREGO-AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING- ANY INITIATIVE AIMED AT FACILITATING THE RELEASE OF LAWRENCE LUNT. HE SAID USG WAS CLEARLY WORKING THROUGH ANOTHER CHANNEL AT THE MOMENT. IT MIGHT PREFER THAT THIS BE THE ONLY POINT OF CONTACT WITH CUBAN AUTHORITIES, WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE TRY TO EXPLOIT TWO LINES OF COMMUNICATION.

3. VANDEN BLOOCK SAID, IF THIS WERE THE USG POSITION, HE COULD WELL UNDERSTAND IT. IN ANY EVENT, BELGIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE GUIDED BY USG'S JUDGMENT ON HOW BEST TO BRING ABOUT RELEASE OF A US CITIZEN. HE SAID, HOWEVER, HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN AUTHORITATIVE BASIS FOR GUIDANCE TO AMBASSADOR ALLARD IN HAVANA. HE RECALLED THAT ALLARD IS MRS. LUNT'S COUSIN AND IS PERSONALLY COMMITTED TO DO ALL IN HIS POWER TO SECURE LUNT'S RELEASE. HENCE ALLARD IS NOT LIKELY TO REMAIN PASSIVE UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.

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4. WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE
CAN BE SUPPLIED FOR RELAY TO VANDEN BLOOCK. FIRESTONE

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